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My dear Frank:

I was particularly gratified to get your package yesterday, not only because of your letter, but because it contained so long and interesting an epistle from Mrs. Livermore relative to her foreign trip, together with the note from Sir Harcourt Johnstone, and an excellent photograph of himself. I have been a little surprised that no answer to my congratulatory letter on her safe arrival home seemed to be coming from Mrs. L., but she explains the reason why she had not replied sooner very satisfactorily. She appears to have spoken in public no where else than in London; but she was fortunate in receiving such attentions, and falling into circles so congenial to her taste and spirit. It shows how ready are my friends abroad to receive with marked cordiality those who carry introductory letters from me. There can be no

question that she made a most favorable impression upon those whose acquaintance she was thus able to make. I trust it may be in her power to renew her visit next year. But I am at a loss to understand how she fell into such a narrow and disagreeable temperance circle in Manchester, because I gave her letters of introduction to such of my friends there as are truly liberal in matters of religious opinion — Mr. Steinthal, Dr. Borchardt, Mr. Barker, &c. It was quite unfortunate that Mr. and Mrs. Steinthal were absent, and she probably saw nothing of the Borchardts. Of course, I shall know all about it when I see her. She was fated not to see either Mrs. Mawson or Mrs. Nichol, the latter reaching home the very day Mrs. L. left Edinburgh. How great would have been their enjoyment had they met!

It was very kind on the part of Sir Harcourt to send me his photograph, and shows that his friendly attentions were not made for a day or an occasion. I believe I have sent him one of my photographic likenesses.

This is the day for the children's fair in behalf of the yellow fever sufferers, and they have got the very long extension table filled with beautiful articles, tastefully arranged; and are now ready to welcome purchasers and contributions. But, alas! the weather is mild and stormy, with occasional floods of rain, as if it were the veritable "line gale," and the prospect is gloomy enough for the little folks. They will probably have to try another afternoon. Agnes, Helen, and Hester Cole are prettily dressed for the occasion to serve at the table, each having a cunning little cap upon her head.

Mrs. Jackson, Horace White's mother-in-law, has come up from New York to show her interest in the fair, but will return this evening.

I was afraid that George would have a rainy time of it at Osterville, but the weather appears to have been propitious; and what with the rides to Hyannis, Centreville, &c., and sailing excursions in the harbor, the trip to him must have been a very enjoyable one. I trust he will yet be able to come here.

Poor Annie is unfortunate in her visit to North Conway, the baby causing so much unrest and loss of sleep. But let us hope another letter will give a more hopeful aspect to the case.

I was glad to get the Boston papers you sent me. Still send me a Journal occasionally.

That was a narrow escape from death of my friend J. N. Bouffum at Charlestown. He will doubtless suffer from his injuries for some time.

Alfred H. Love wrote me a letter before I left home, telling me exactly what cars to take to reach his residence after my arrival in Philadelphia. I think you will find it on or in the desk in the bow-door; if so, please copy the directions for me, as I now think I shall go to P. next week, and not return to Rockledge till later in the month, as I am feeling somewhat better than when I last wrote.

Ellie writes Agnes that they will all return from Asterville next Monday; so we shall arrange to see Agnes safely through next Tuesday, via New Haven and Springfield.

Your loving Father.

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